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Hey, Boomers!

It's STC Stickermania! With the Panini Sonic Sticker collection out of the way STC launches into its own series of all-new, exclusive, not-available-in-any-shop sticker sets!

That's right, Boomers, you hold in your hands the first of five sets of Sonic The Stickers. Further sets will be given away free with issues 37, 38, 39 and 40 - order your copies now!

Sonic The Stickers have been developed specially for those really important places - bedroom doors, school books (ugh!), bags, repro-duction antique furniture, you name it. In fact, why don't you do just that. Send in the most imaginative use you can put your Sonic The Stickers sets to. We'll print the best and award prizes. Get thinking.

Meanwhile, in this issue the Mutant League season draws to a close. Will there be a rematch? Only your votes will tell.

Next issue it's the welcome return of The Eternal Champions ... well two of them at least. See the special E.C. page within this issue for more info.

What else lies in store for you in STC 37? Two words ... Sonic and Knuckles! You ain't seen nothin' yet.

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Just when you least expected it, it's the ...

We tried to stop you, but you wouldn't listen! Up and down the country the STC Boomers are not only still scoffing down effigies of the World's Most Famous Blue Hedgehog, but this craze has now led to Boomers being offered not Knuckle sandwiches, but slices of Knuckles cake at birthday parties.

However, it's not too late. Here are two more images to help you give up this terrible practice now!



A 6th Birthday cake for: Kyle Jenkins, Parton. Whitehaven, Cumbria. MD owner. Sonic Badge Winner.



A 7th Birthday cake for: Davy Stevenson, Kirkwall, Orkney Islands. Sonic Badge Winner.

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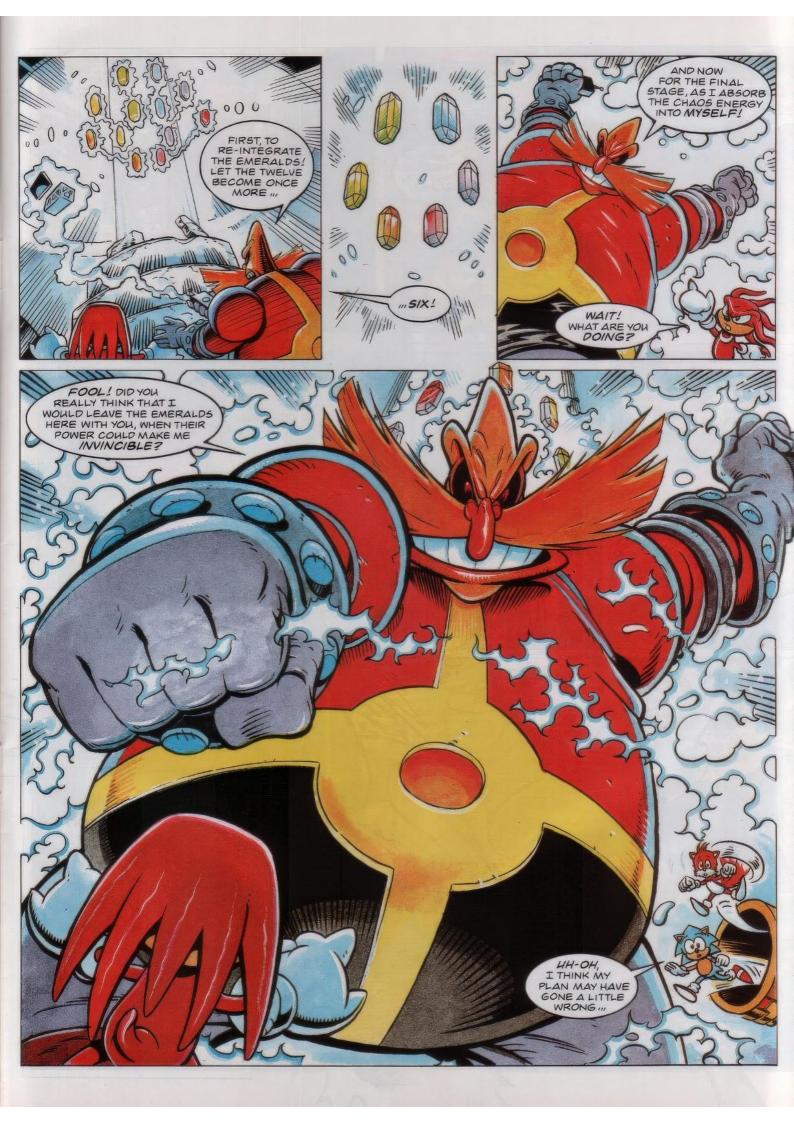






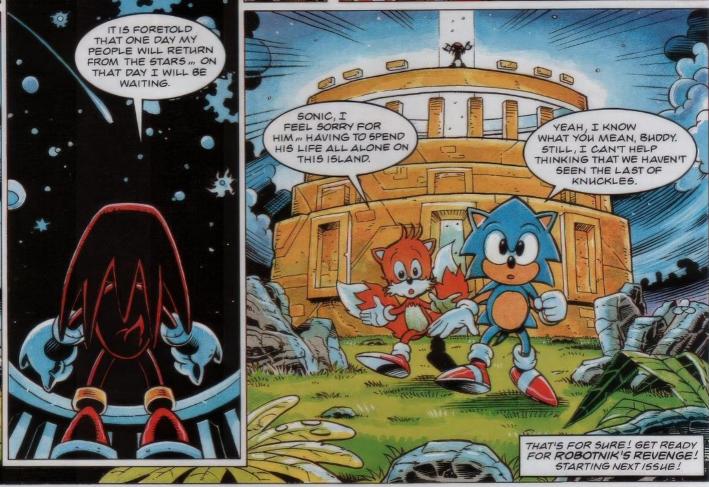












REVIEW Zone

Enter the zone that brings you reviews of all the new releases for the Sega game systems. Reviewers this issue: David Gibbon & Steve May.

DRAGON



game type: MARTIAL ARTS 1-3 PLAYERS







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Game Gear

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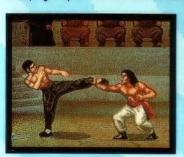
40 - 70% = Normalsville

70 - 80% = Fun City

80 - 90% = Big Time City over 90% = Mega City

Dragon is a fighting game based on the Bruce Lee film of the same name. It tells of his humble beginnings to the time when he finds success in his birthplace, America. All the characters Bruce fights in the film are included in the game, with a few extra thrown in for good measure. The notorious Sun brothers and the Oriental Fan Fighter are just two examples of the baddies included straight from the film.

The game starts you off as Bruce in his early years. Here, you get to fight such people as US sailors in night-clubs, meat-cleaver-wielding chefs, right up to his final confrontation with





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the evil Phantom who was rumoured to have haunted his family for generations. As Bruce Lee the player takes on 12 opponents and, like most beat-em-ups, they start easy and get progressively more difficult. Bruce has a total of 36 different moves which include a range of punches and kicks, as well as some secret special moves. Your fighting

proficiency is shown via a Chi gauge. As you improve Bruce will go through

three different fighting modes. You start off with the normal punch and kick moves, then, as the Chi gauge goes up, Bruce will zip around the screen at a phenomenal rate performing flashy somersaults. The best mode sees Bruce get his Nunchakus (a steel chain with handles) out, which he can use with devastating effect.

Dragon contains so much more than a normal beat-emup like Mortal Kombat. For example, after damaging the chef in the kitchen, the scene changes to an alleyway outside where two more cooks are waiting. You don't keep fighting on the same screen as you do in games like Mortal Kombat, this adds real interest. You even get the chance to have three players fighting each other on the screen at the same time (providing you have a four-player adaptor). The animation in the game is excellent and you even get actual footage from the film which is impressive.

My only complaint is that most of the opponents can be killed by using just one move - jump up and hit your opponent square on the head. Apart from that, this is a great film licence. Better gameplay than MK, but not quite up to SF2. Top marks to Virgin for this one! - DG



SUPER STREET FIGHTER 2

game type: ARCADE



BEAT-EM UP 2 PLAYERS

After four arcade editions - the classic Street Fighter 2 in 1991 (now considered rather slow and clunky), SF2: Champion Edition in 1992 (faster than the original, with character vs. character mode, as well as the ability to play the boss characters), Turbo SF2: Hyper Fighting Edition also in 1992 (same as the Champion Edition but with new aerial attacks), and Super SF2 in 1993 (four new characters, and improved graphics) - plus three home console versions (two for the SNES, and the Special Champion Edition for the Mega Drive). That's not to mention assorted T-shirts, coins, action figures, comic books, key-rings and an up and coming big budget movie - you'd think the Street Fighter bandwagon would be running out of steam.

No change! Make way for Super Street Fighter 2, hailed as the biggest Mega Drive game ever, tipping the scales at a mighty 40 Megs. At long last you can now bring new arcade characters Fei Long, Cammy, Dee Jay and Thunder Hawk home to meet your folks. But was it worth the wait?

First the good news: SSF2 looks great. The

graphics and animation are outstanding, especially the birds and stars which circle a character's head when he gets thumped.

Gameplay has also been improved with the addition of Group Battle (two players can assemble a team of eight fighters to meet in a series of one round matches), Tournament Battle (eight players meet to decide the SF Championship) and Time Challenge (knock your opponent out as quickly as possible) modes.

Now for the bad news - everything else is much the same as before. The game is miserably devoid of any decent fatality moves or surprises. Any trace of imagination was obviously punched out of the SF game programmers a long time ago.

If you've spent the past four years with your head in a bucket, then by all means give this screen-scrapper a second look. Non-bucket-heads are probably better off checking out Mortal Kombat 2 (which at least promises a degree of imagination if the arcade version is anything to go by: an authentic round of the original Pong game!). Otherwise hang on for the inevitable SF3, which should bring more than just a few new muscles to the battlefield - we've heard hushed talk of the introduction of 'The Ancient One'. Yikes!

Those that have managed to complete levels five to seven on the last Special Champion Edition cart will have seen a story ending for their character.

Here at Hedgehog Towers we haven't had time to completely master Super Street Fighter 2 yet, but here are the new character endings for the arcade version. See if they differ from the cart edition.

- Fei Long is offered a role in a big movie but declines because he wants to improve his skills. The Fei Long character is based on martial arts superstar Bruce Lee.
- T. Hawk wins back the land that Bison took away.
- Cammy: When her mission is complete,

Bison reveals that she was once in love with him, before she lost her memory. But she doesn't believe him and exits with her friends.

· Dee Jay goes on to be a big pop music star.

Now you know how things turn out, your pennies might be put to better use elsewhere. - SM



STC's STREET FIGHTER TRIVIA
The Facts Behind The Names:

Ryu in Japanese means vigorous and successful.

Ken means fist or punch.

Chun Li translates to Spring Beautiful. Honda is a typical Japanese name that means 'origin in the fields'.

In Japan, Balrog is know as M Bison, which translates to Mike Tyson.





MUTANT

Bring Me
The Head of
Coach Brikka

SCRIPT: Stove White/ Brian Williamson

ART: Anthony Williams/ Brian Williamson

LETTERING: Tom Frame

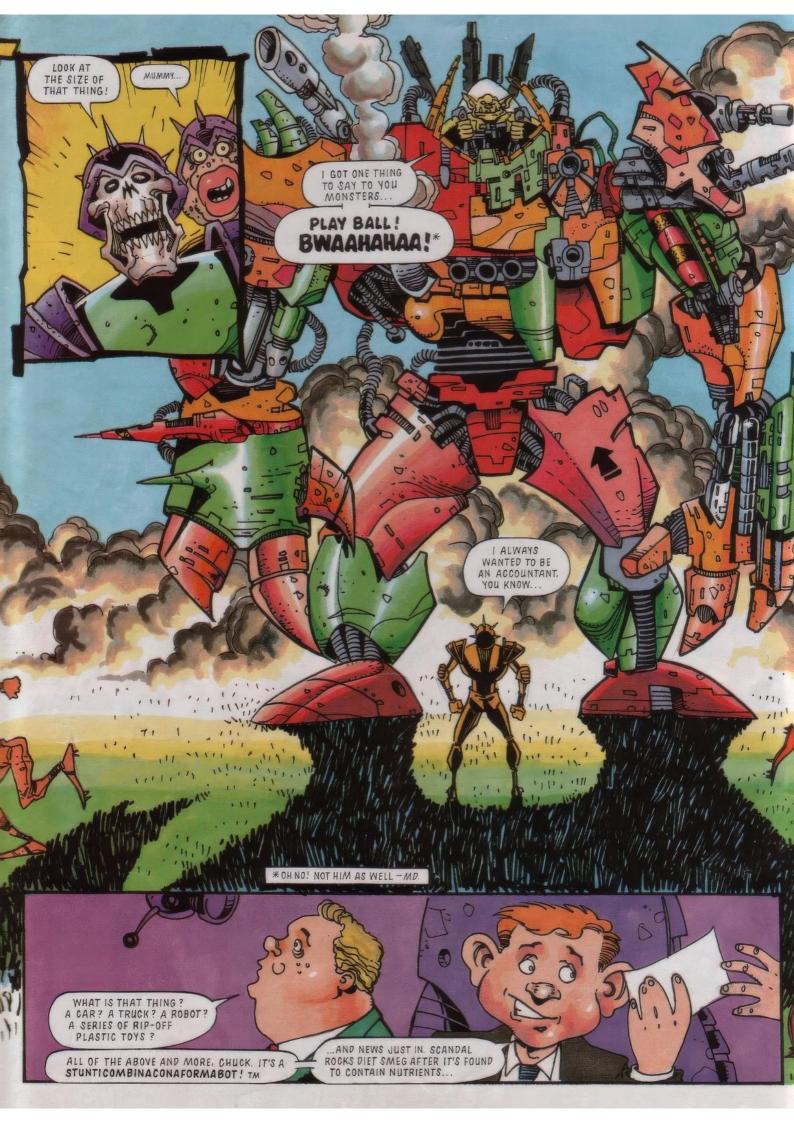
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WELL AT LEAST IF WE LOSE, YOU WON'T HAVE TO MARRY BRENDA! W. ... 18





NEWS Zone

Newshound: Garry Penn

DOOM-SDAY IS COMING!

PC MEGA-HIT HEADING FOR MEGA DRIVE 32X



You are wandering around a dimly-lit maze of corridors, pistol in hand, not knowing what may leap out next. Armed guards, demons and other monsters are running wild. It's kill or be killed, so it's lucky that plenty of medi-kits and superior firepower (including chainsaws, rocket launchers and beefy lasers) are lying around.

In a nutshell, that's **Doom**, the top-selling, award-winning 3D blaster that's been gripping owners of PC compatible computers since the end of 1993. **Doom**, the sequel to *Wolfenstein* (coming to the Mega Drive from Imagineer, as it happens) will be one of the first Mega Drive 32X releases toawrds the end of the year.

Quite how the 32X translation fares isn't known for sure (sources inside Sega are impressed with what's been done so far) but our technical experts see no reason why it won't be as atmospheric and playable as the original. Incidentally, word has it that a film based on **Doom** is shortly going into production.

A selection of scary screens from Doom on the IBM PC compatibles. Expect the Mega Drive 32% version to look very similar indeed.





JURASSIC SKATEBOARD PARK!

LOOK OUT, IT'S A DINOSAUR ON WHEELS!





Radical Rex is a novel approach to the dinosaur game theme from Activision - it features a skateboarding T Rex!

Combining cartoon-style graphics and platform action, you have to

NEWS

take Rex through 10 levels of prehistoric danger, including a dinosaur graveyard, swamps, jungles and even the insides of a gigantic dinosaur! Over a dozen prehistoric creatures make your job even tougher with their unique attack modes. Rex, not surprisingly, has more than a few cool skateboarding moves of his own to counter them.

Radical Rex is due out on the Mega Drive on November 11th. Look out for the STC review next issue.



BOMB-Believable!

BOMBERMAN FINALLY COMES TO THE MEGA DRIVE

In STC 28 we revealed that Hudsonsoft were converting Bomberman, the classic four-player 'puzzle-blaster' to the Mega Drive. Well it's almost here, and having played a near-finished version at Sega, it's fair to say that if multi-playability is your 'bag,' you're most certainly in for a real treat.

Mega Bomberman is based on the very latest PC Engine version, Bomberman '94, which means bizarre new power-ups such as different-coloured dinosaurs with weird abilities (being able to kick blocks around). The rumoured eight-player version isn't in evidence, but with a MultiTap and four players giving each other what for ... Wow!

So get your team ready, get saving for a MultiTap and a copy of Mega Bomberman - it's out in next month.

SHORT BURSTS

A GAME WITH PLENTY OF BOTTLE (NOSES)



Ecco's going to have his work cut out for him in November in Ecco: Tides Of Time, the sequel to the highly successful Ecco The Dolphin. The evil vortex is back and the only

way to get rid of it is to reconstruct the Asterite (erm, yeah, right). Prepare to swim through strange suspended water tubes and meet freaky flying dolphins of the future! There's an all-new look, all-new soundtrack, all-new 3D bonus stage and fortunately for our mammal mate, a new-found friend by the name of Trellia.



CHEAP AND CHEERFUL

Look out for the distinctive brown paper packaging of Sega's new Classic Range of re-releases for the Mega Drive, Master System and Game Gear. Prices start at £9.99 and the first batch includes Shinobi III, Joe Montana Football III, Mickey And Donald and Talespin for the Mega Drive; Donald Duck (Lucky Diamond Caper), Master Of Darkness, and Wonderboy In Monster World for the Master System, and Streets Of Rage, Leaderboard and Crystal Warriors for the Game Gear. A mixed bag of quality there, but we can expect to see more re-releases on a regular basis.

32X BANDWAGON PICKS UP SPEED

Support for Sega's new Mega Drive booster, the Mega Drive 32X, is strong. Look for Core Design's Soulstar (out now for the Mega-CD) in December, with BC Racers following in February 1995. Two other titles certain to be released on arrival of the 32X are Virtua Star Wars (a conversion of the Super Star Wars arcade machine) and Virtua Racing Deluxe (with three different cars to race around six new courses) - both likely to be around the £45 mark.

The current projected price for the Mega Drive 32X is £150 with no added games thrown in. Rumour has it that Sega are looking at a £180 bundled pack including one game. STC's advice is simple - sit tight and wait for the range of games to grow. The Mega Drive may be going out of fashion but the best is yet to come - and 32X prices are certain to drop during 1995.

RETURN OF THE DYNAMIC DUO

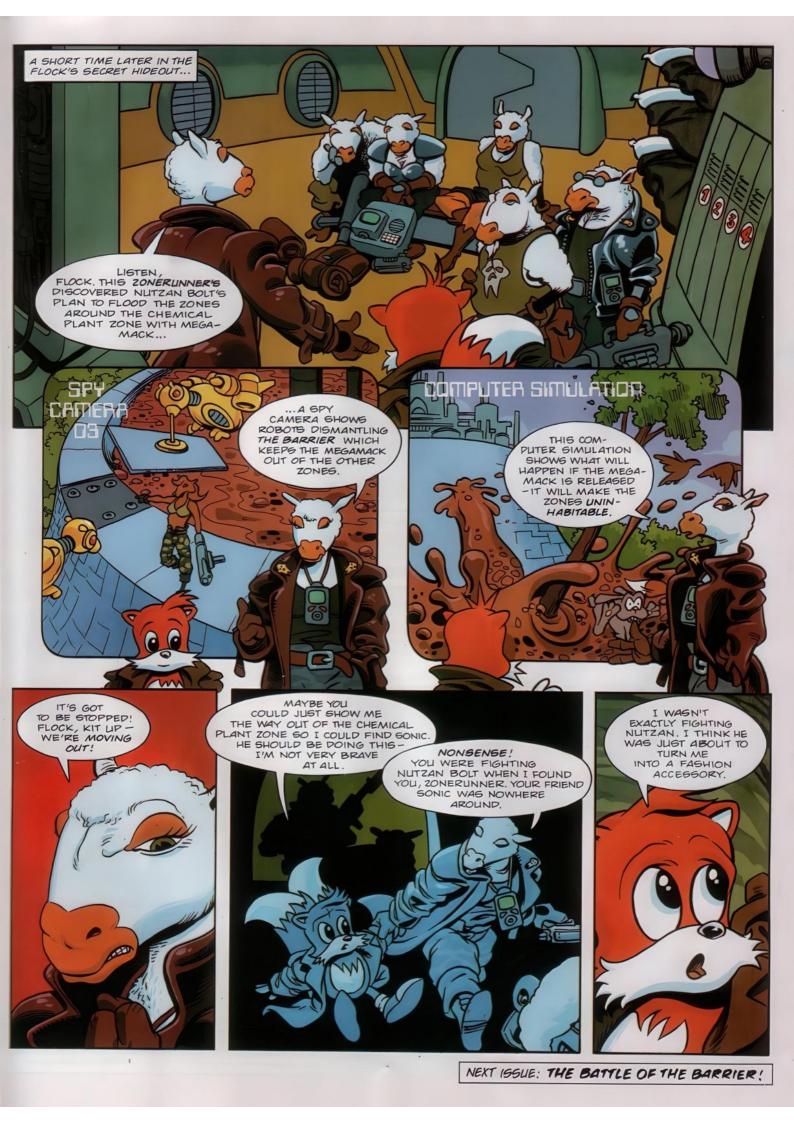
Batman's back, this time with sidekick, Robin, in **The Adventures Of Batman And Robin** (based on the new animated TV series). The evil Mr Freeze is planning to turn Gotham City into a Winter Wonderland with the help of fellow baddies The Joker, Scarecrow, Mad Hatter and Two-Face. This latest Batman adventure is for one or two players, features animation from the artists responsible for the TV series, and is released on the Mega Drive in December.

Script: Mark Eyles Art: Roberto Corona Lettering: Elitta Fell TAILS IS LOST IN THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE. HE HAS JUST OVERHEARD THE ROBOT NUTZAN BOLT PLANNING TO FLOOD THE GURROUNDING ZONES WITH THE TOXIC CHEMICAL - MEGAMACK. 8 00 00 OH DEAR, WHAT WOULD SONIC DO? VEREN DON'T USE THAT 'S' WORD IN MY CONTROL ROOM.











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(Zone)

Q is for Question.
Q is for Query.
Q is for Quandary.
Enter the Q Zone for hints, tips, and help with your favourite
Sega games.

DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S FLAME CRAFT

- As soon as Robotnik appears, jump up and hit him, quickly go left before he releases a fire bomb, then jump Sonic upper right and hit Robotnik's deadly machine again. Be careful as he disappears because Sonic could go flying through Robotnik and fall into the waterfall at the far right.
- He will then move over to the left.
- Once more, move to a position about four inches from the far left side of the ledge and wait. When Robotnik appears, jump up then quickly go right. As soon as he releases another bomb leap up and left to hit him, and when you land jump to hit him again.
- He will disappear behind the water and go across to the right.

Again, move Sonic to the right edge and repeat the above mentioned moves.

After hitting Robotnik three more times his machine will finally blow up.

 A bridge appears to the right and Sonic's furry friends appear from above in Robotnik's prison chamber which floats down. Hit the bottom of it to release them.

 If you should lose a life and restart, ensure you grab the extra life by the Rhinobot on the way back to Robotnik.

Once Sonic has freed his pals move him onto the bridge.



Q Zone's special Sonic 3 Mega Drive solution continues its in-depth coverage on the big Sonic The Hedgehog game. Your guide, Vincent Low takes you through the latest and greatest Sonic adventure yet.

SONIC 3



PART 3 - THE BOSSES

Each zone features a mid-point boss - usually one of Robotnik's badniks - and the end-of-zone Big Boss, Doctor Robotnik himself in one of several diabolical new machines.

ANGEL ISLAND

ACT 1

DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S FLAME CRAFT

- Robotnik will appear from behind the waterfall at the far right side of the screen. Make Sonic Spin Attack the craft then quickly back off to the far right. Robotnik will drop a bomb on the bridge causing it to collapse - so make sure Sonic isn't standing on it!
- Robotnik will disappear back into the waterfall and materialise to the far right behind the screen of water.
 To get him to materialise directly above you, stand approximately four inches from the edge of the ledge at the far right side.



HYDROCITY

ACT 1

DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S WHIRLPOOL MACHINE

- The first of Robotnik's two fiendish water machines in this zone. This
 one is easy to beat provided you keep calm.
- Stand exactly in the centre of the screen in front of the underwater pillar. Robotnik's craft will drop in the middle of the screen and then fly off the screen.
- He'll then appear from the upper left at high speed so be ready. Jump Sonic as high as possible. Robotnik then drops in from the upper right.

 Again jump straight up as high as you can.

Robotnik's craft then settles on the pillar directly above you. Wait for the orbs around it to stop moving and start ramming it. If you time it well you can get in two or three hits before he starts to spin the water - and Sonic - around.



- Again stay in the middle of the screen as much as possible and repeat
 the above moves to beat him.
- After the machine is demolished the end-of-act sign appears. To prevent it from landing, jump at it to pump up that score and maybe get some extra goodies!

ACT 2

DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S WATERSPOUT AND DEPTH CHARGE MACHINE

- Never one to give in, Robotnik is back with an even deadlier water machine!
- Go to the far right as Robotnik descends from top left.
- He'll proceed to start his suction machine, which, if you're not careful, will draw Sonic into its whizzing blades. He then moves left and right above you dropping water bombs that contain delayedaction fuses.



- To avoid the suction blades, keep Sonic jumping out of the water and pushing towards the wall nearest to him.
- Before you can hit Robotnik's craft you have to wait for the bombs it
 drops to explode first. Leap on the vertical water jets they release and
 bounce off them to hit him. If you score a hit try to bounce up and in the
 same direction as him to gain more hits.
- Provided your timing is good you can get in at least two more hits.
- You can also use the main waterspout that sucks up water and draws you in, but only after he has released it and his craft starts to move. As the waterspout slowly drops you can leap Sonic onto it and up to hit Robotnik's craft.
- After you finally destroy the machine, head right to find Sonic's friends and release them from their prison cage.

MARBLE GARDEN

ACT 1

TUNNELBOT

- Dash Attack through the wall to your right and you'll find yourself in a chamber with a nasty Tunnelbot badnik to the upper right.
- Jump up to ram it and lumps of rock will fall from above. Avoid the

dagger-shaped rock and the Tunnelbot that zips down.

- Take it out by carefully ramming it as it descends from above.
- The end-of-act marker drops in from above, so rack up those points and try to get a bonus TV.



ACT 2

DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S JET DRILL POD

- Quickly get Sonic to the far left corner and wait for Robotnik to appear from above in his evil new machine.
- As soon as he's within range leap up and ram him (it's possible to get in three solid hits).
- Robonik's machine will then drop to the ground so ram it. It will then fall from under you.
- Never fear Tails is here!
- Tails will grab Sonic and carry him into the sky. Move him across to the middle upper part of the screen and leap off hard at Robotnik.
 Bounce off him hard to avoid the pod's jet engines.
- He will then fly away, but Tails will be ready to grab Sonic if he happens to fall.
- Carefully position Tails so that Sonic can jump off onto Robotnik and bounce off him as he enters the screen.
- You can get in more than one hit if your timing is good and you bounce off him hard enough.
- After eight hits the Jet Drill explodes, your furry friends' prison ship floats in from above enabling Tails to ram it and release them.



NEXT: Final part of Sonic 3 - More hints on how to beat the Bosses!























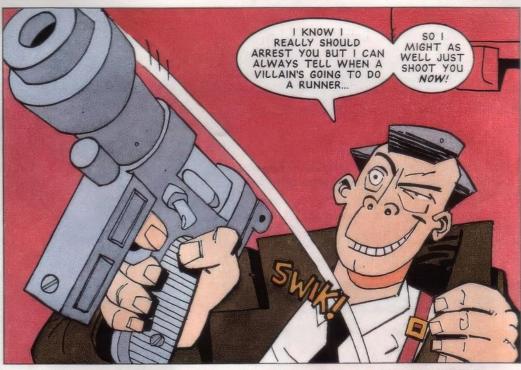


















SPEEDLINES

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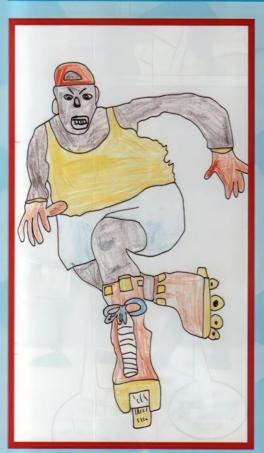
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Get yer Skates on ...
Tom, Ware, Herts.
Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.

Pretty In Pink

Dear STC

I am troubled because when Sonic smashed the treadmill and blew up the Gyrafasphere the explosion turned him blue, but how did Amy Rose turn pink?

Lee Clark, Haywards Heath, W Sussex.

Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.

Who's to say Lee that Amy wasn't born that colour? Anyway, this is a story yet to be told, but in the meantime, hope you like the picture on the right.



Amy goes green ...
Michaela Earp, Wellingborough, Northants.
MD owner.
Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.

STC's AOK

Dear STC,

I would like to know what 'STC' stands for. You may have already told us but I can't remember.

Kerri Gee, Costessy, Norwich. Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.



Pay attention, Kerri, I will say this only once. 'STC' stands for Sonic The Comic.

Prehist-Sonic

Dear STC

I used to read Dinosaurs until I got too bored and switched to STC which I thought was mega!

David A Murray, Ollerton, Notts.



Welcome, David. We also have a few dinosaurs at STC.

Sonic At The Flicks

Dear STC

Is it true that a film is going to be made about Sonic?

Sinead Stewart, Co. Louth, Rep of Ireland.

Sonic Water Fun Game Winner.



What a good idea Sinead ... why hasn't anyone else thought of it? Or have they? Stay tuned.

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